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NSI moved to April: Are you ready?

BY THE 377TH AIR BASE WING
Inspector General staff

The Nuclear Surety Inspection has been moved to April, and our time to polish our processes is cut in half.

Are you ready?

The Airmen at a recently inspected base thought they were. Their inspection was last month, and their preparation time did not get cut in half.

Their NSI was *almost* a great achievement. Twelve areas were inspected; two of them were "outstanding," seven "excellent," and only two "satisfactory."

Some bases never come close to the truly outstanding report our brothers and sisters *almost* had. Strengths listed were: "immaculate facilities," "exceptional program," "expedient and efficient," "meticulously managed," and "superior training and outstanding liaison." Inspectors identified 14 Professional Performers along with 37 Professional Teams.

It was all for naught. It only takes one area, and sometimes only one individual, to bring down a wing in our world of nuclear surety. One of the base's areas was rated "UNSATISFACTORY," which labeled the overall inspection the same.

That one area had "established procedures in place," but had experienced "in-

adequate communications, inattention to detail and poor coordination." This might not seem critical, but it only takes one unsat to make the entire inspection unsat.

We're now preparing for our April NSI.

This is the same mission our country expects us to accomplish with excellence every day of every year.

There is no doubt that we can earn excellent and outstanding ratings. Our wing is filled throughout with excellent and dedicated professionals, and we will certainly rack up a long list

of excellent and outstanding ratings in every corner.

The questions that remain unanswered until April are these: Will one area fail? Will one critical position make a critical mistake? Could this area be mine?

Preparing for an NSI is not just planning to do well during that one week in April, but having our game faces on every day. That's not easy with our most experienced folks shipping out to other assignments, and a pool of newcomers who are just learning the basics of our

one-of-a-kind mission.

Our preparation must be a team effort, with commanders and leaders truly holding their people accountable, the experienced helping the newcomers, peers challenging each other, and everyone searching for unknown weaknesses and committing to turn those areas around.

Wing preparation for the NSI is in full swing. In-house inspections are ongoing to expose weak areas. Exercises are planned to uncover more problem areas and allow time for us to make corrections before we practice them again.

Preparation meetings are scheduled to resolve previously identified problem areas. Thousands of man-hours will go into the 377th Air Base Wing preparations, and each of us must accept our responsibility to ensure this time is not wasted.

In April of this year, Air Force Materiel Command Inspector General inspectors will arrive to evaluate our capability to accomplish our mission. This is the same mission our country expects us to accomplish with excellence every day of every year.

Each of us, whether military or civilian, from the wing commander on down, is responsible. And our goal, without question, must be "Outstanding."

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